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Correspondence Response Sheet

Date: June 19, 2000

To: Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield ✓

From: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

Subject: Letter to Senator Charles E. Schumer concerns
Commonwealth Edison's Application for Reopening its
Indian Point 2 NPP

ACTION: Please comment/concur and respond to the **Office of the Secretary** by:

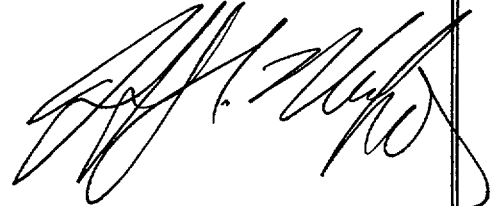
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Day: Tuesday
Date: June 27, 2000

Comment:

Contact: Scott Barber, EDO/RI
415-2374

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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Schumer:

Thank you for your letter
~~The letter is in response to your~~ June 2, 2000, ~~inquiry~~ regarding Indian Point 2. Although

Consolidated Edison (ConEd) has operated Indian Point Unit 2 safely, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) shares your concern about events at the plant and recognizes the importance of our continued close attention to ConEd's corrective actions for performance problems. In your inquiry, you also requested that the NRC coordinate an informational forum for local residents.

Regarding plant operation with the existing steam generators, the NRC is conducting a comprehensive review of ConEd's proposal to allow plant startup for a limited period of time. ConEd must obtain NRC approval prior to plant startup in accordance with its operating license to operate the existing steam generators. NRC experts from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) and NRC Region I have been fully engaged with ConEd steam generator inspections since shortly after the February 2000 event. This engagement has involved direct observation of inspections on-site and discussions with ConEd and Westinghouse personnel regarding inspection results to resolve issues related to steam generator tube integrity. In order to consider approving plant startup, NRC, in its review of this matter, must conclude that continued operation of the plant does not pose any undue risk to public health and safety.

Senator Charles E. Schumer

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Regarding your request for an informational forum, the NRC is planning to conduct a meeting ~~within the next two weeks~~ ^{on June 25th} to facilitate our continuing dialogue with local residents. In this

meeting, the NRC plans to: 1) outline ongoing assessment efforts related to Indian Point ~~Unit~~
2; 2) provide detailed information regarding our ongoing processes to review steam generator
tube integrity; and 3) provide an informational forum for questions regarding public health and
safety. As you know, ~~We have been~~ ^{We have been} coordinating the timing of this meeting with your office.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (610) 337-5299 if you have any other questions in this
matter.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Meserve